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LETTER DATED 8 SEPTEMBER 1998 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a passage concerning the occupation by Iran of three islands belonging to the United Arab Emirates taken from the press release issued at the sixty-eighth session of the Ministerial Council of the Gulf Cooperation Council, held on 27 and 28 August in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter and the annex thereto to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yacub Yousif AL-HOSANI
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ANNEX

Passage concerning the occupation by Iran of three islands belonging to the United Arab Emirates taken from the press release issued at the sixty-eighth session of the Ministerial Council of the Gulf Cooperation Council, held on 27 and 28 August 1998 in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Occupation of the three islands belonging to the United Arab Emirates and relations with Iran

(a) Occupation of the three islands belonging to the United Arab Emirates

The Ministerial Council studied developments relating to the Greater Tunb, Lesser Tunb and Abu Musa islands, which belong to the United Arab Emirates but are under occupation by Iran. The Council reiterated that the Iranian Government must respond to the sincere appeals made to it to employ peaceful means to settle the conflict over the three islands, in accordance with the principles and rules of international law, which would include agreeing to submit the matter to the International Court of Justice. It also reaffirmed the sovereignty of the United Arab Emirates over the Greater Tunb, Lesser Tunb and Abu Musa islands and its absolute support for all the peaceful measures taken by the Emirates to recover its sovereignty over the islands, and called on the Iranian Government to end its occupation of the three islands, to destroy any installations it has constructed on them, annul any unilateral measures already taken, and employ peaceful means to settle the conflict, in accordance with the principles and rules of international law, which would include agreeing to submit the matter to the International Court of Justice.